



**Tatsuo Nakata (x37801)** is the Senior Legislative Aide and Chief of Staff to Councilmember David Della. His primary responsibilities include staffing the Parks, Neighborhoods and Education Committee. Tatsuo also provides support to Councilmember Della on energy, monorail, and other major issues and initiatives related to economic and community development, and public safety.

Before joining Councilmember Della's office, Tatsuo served as the field director for the *Education Trust Fund Initiative*, helping to gather nearly 327,000 signatures to put I-884 before voters in the November 2004 elections.

Tatsuo is a former legislative aide to Washington State Representative Velma Veloria (D-Seattle). He has also worked for the Washington State House Democratic Caucus Media staff as a public information officer.

Tatsuo has also worked for the local nonprofit organization, Nikkei Concerns, where he helped to oversee the *Generations of Caring Endowment Campaign* – a seven-year, \$10 million campaign aimed at helping to provide a continuum of high-quality care for elders.

Tatsuo is a graduate of Seattle University and holds a B.A. in Political Science. He is the immediate past-president for the Seattle Chapter Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), a local chapter of a non-profit, grassroots, civil rights organization that helped to gain redress for the nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans who were wrongfully incarcerated during World War II. Prior to serving as the youngest president in the history of Seattle JACL, Tatsuo served a two-year term on the Board of Directors for JACL National.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Tatsuo for the past several years has called Seattle home. He enjoys coffee, sports, writing, and music.